

THE MARKETS.

The Brokers Encouraged by Indications That the Lamb is Coming In.

The Market Very Quiet But Reasonably Firm—The Provision Trade.

GOSSIP OF THE STREET.

Special Dispatch.
New York, April 10.—The brokers uniformly report a marked increase in outside buying on yesterday, and say that the public now biting well. Sage says that if the outsiders can be awakened a very large and substantial advance will follow immediately, because the general conditions are all favorable. Room traders and the Vanderbilt commission houses were pretty free traders yesterday; but notwithstanding this, the general opinion continued to be bullish last evening, and this selling was not thought to indicate any important liquidation. The room traders say that they have made but little money on the present rise.

It was Jones who bid Lake Shore up to the best price yesterday. Kirkman and Slayback covered their last shorts, so their fellow brokers say. The Mills party talk of Erie during April, and Harned bought 10,000 shares of Erie.

Yesterday for the California party Boston covered a good many shorts, and Keene bought Union Pacific. Gen. Eckert says that at the present rate of receipts the Western Union earnings for the month of March will be over \$200,000. Business in the interior shows a large increase, especially from along the Northern Pacific road, where there is a demand for 2,000 miles more of wire. The New Orleans business has also nearly doubled, and the general business increases very fast. The Northern Pacific for the first week will show a gain of \$3,000 to \$5,000 per day, and the Omaha's earnings show a little better than the week in March. The April earnings of the grangers are seldom so large as those of March. Mr. Shaw, one of the California party, has covered his shorts and turned bull. Mr. Mills was offering puts on Erie in 1,000 shares. John, the Windsor man, declares it is a bull market with heavy outside buying. Woorisoff said he was still short of Union Pacific, and that he shouldn't cover. He realized that the present market was wrong, but he had not the heart or confidence in leaders to buy it. There is a more hopeful feeling among the western farmers, owing to warmer weather. In Kansas the corn and wheat acreage will largely exceed any former planting.

Sterling option unchanged. Stocks are ending at 4 to 5; New York Central at 3. Money is offered at 5.
Lake Shore was bought by Charles Meigs, Thayer and Lebar, and sold by Van Houten, Enos, McDaniel, Dickinson, Dickerman, Hamilton, and Connor. Joe Stephens bought the most of Michigan, and Van Emburgh and Atterbury sold it. R. S. Elliott bought most of Lackawanna, and Meeker sold. Burroughs and Hay sold the Iron Mountain, and have been selling it for the past two days. Hotchkiss and Barnham are selling Reading. John Benjamin has been selling the stock of the St. Paul, and the order broker in St. Paul says that this appears to be considerable floating stock for sale.

The stock exchange announces that the flood fund is closed, and the total subscription is over \$10,000. Government bonds are easier, and tax bonds are now pressed for sale. London has been selling New York Central, and Lake Shore extensively this morning, through Von Hoffman, Warmer and Heath. Farnham bought Central. It is stated on fair authority that after July 1 next Erie common stock will participate in the earnings of the road. A Philadelphia dispatch says purchases of Reading in that market point strongly to a control of the entire coal region by Vanderbilt.

Press dispatches from Arkansas report no freight train moving over the Iron Mountain railway, the brakemen being on a strike. Cable dispatches report great floods in southern Russia with great damage to early crop.

REVIEW.
The market opened up dull, a fact which was construed to mean that it was in firm hands, and is subsequently a little better. After the dullness of the early morning prices began to advance steadily with occasional healthy reactions.

From noon on the buying was good, and the general tone evidenced the presence of an old time bull market. Delaware and Lackawanna and St. Paul were the special favorites of the day, the former advancing from 12 1/2 to 12 3/4. Other strong stocks were Union Pacific, Texas Pacific, the Wabash, and Lake Shore. Among stocks considered as good investments are mentioned Erie, Texas Pacific, and North Pacific.

At 2:30 the market was standing well up to the highest point of the day, and at the close, 3 p. m., while prices had fallen off a fraction, the market was strong and gave evidence of marked buoyancy.

LONDON, 12:30.—Erie rose 1/2; New York Central, Illinois, and Pennsylvania Central and Ohio Wabash are 1/2 to 1 lower.

STOCKS.

The following are the opening, highest, lowest, and closing prices of the principal stocks for the day, as corrected by special wire reports received by Bateman & Co., bankers, No. 141 F Street northwest:

Name of stock.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Delaware and Hudson	111	111 1/2	111	111 1/2
Western Union	83	83 1/2	83	83 1/2
Central Pacific	100	100 1/2	100	100 1/2
New York Central	127 1/2	128 1/2	127 1/2	128 1/2
Erie	100	100 1/2	100	100 1/2
Michigan Central	100	100 1/2	100	100 1/2
Lake Shore	117 1/2	118 1/2	117 1/2	118 1/2
Louisville and Nashville	100	100 1/2	100	100 1/2
Chicago and North Western	100	100 1/2	100	100 1/2
Union Pacific	100	100 1/2	100	100 1/2
Central of New Jersey	100	100 1/2	100	100 1/2
Chicago, Milwaukee and St. P.	100	100 1/2	100	100 1/2
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Oregon Transportation	100	100 1/2	100	100 1/2
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